

FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION POLICY DECISION

POLICY TITLE: Aquatic Invertebrate Disease Control **POLICY NUMBER:** POL-C3006

Cancels:

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See Also:

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The management objectives for the shellfish disease control program are:

- Regulate the import of all aquatic invertebrates to protect wildstock and cultured shellfish species from the introduction and transfer of contagious diseases, harmful pests and predators, and undesirable species.
- Regulate most shellfish transfers within the state through use of a shellfish transfer pamphlet.

Delegate to the Director the responsibility to establish shellfish disease control procedures which include:

- Providing user groups with a pamphlet that substitutes for an in-state transfer permit for certain types of transfer activities. Also describes department requirements for other import and transfer activities for aquatic invertebrates.
- Establishing standards and procedures for quarantine facilities, disease-free tissue certifications, listing of Class A and Class B shellfish diseases, certification of shellfish health specialists, certification of geographic source areas, and specific responsibilities and operating procedures for a shellfish import advisory committee.
- Establishing procedures for import of established species originating from outside of the west coast commerce region and new shellfish species.